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AUTUMN SEASON 2000

Autumn 2000 was generally mild and dry but interrupted at add intervals with cold temperatures and locally heavy precipitation. Fall migration was deemed good for most species and especially so for shorebirds, which took advantage of receding water levels at several locations. In addition, conspicuous submontane movements were undertaken by several groups, including woodpeckers, corvids, parids, nuthatches, and finches.

Localities and Counties

Abiquiu, Dam, Lake, *Rio Arriba*
Albuquerque, *Bernalillo*
Animas, Mts., Valley, *Hidalgo*
Animas River, *San Juan*
Bear Canyon Dam, Lake, *Grant*
Bitter Lake NWR, *Chaves*
Boone's Draw, *Roosevelt*
Bosque del Apache NWR, *Socorro*
Bosque Redondo, *DeBaca*
Caballo Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Carlsbad, *Eddy*
Carlsbad Caverns NP, *Eddy*
Carrizozo, *Lincoln*
Cerrillos, *Santa Fe*
Clanton Canyon, Cienega, *Hidalgo*
Cliff-Gila Valley, *Grant*
Clovis, *Curry*
Columbus, *Luna*
Conchas Lake, Dam, *San Miguel*
Cochiti Lake, Dam, *Sandoval*
Corrales, *Sandoval*
Deming, *Luna*
Dripping Springs, *Doña Ana*
El Rito, *Rio Arriba*
Eldorado, *Santa Fe*
Elephant Butte Lake, Dam, *Sierra*
Farmington, Lake, *San Juan*
Florida Mts., *Luna*
Fort Sumner, *DeBaca*
Glorieta, *Santa Fe*
Guadalupe Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Guadalupe Mts., *Eddy*
Hobbs, *Lea*
Holloman Lake, *Otero*
Hurley, *Grant*
Jal, *Lea*
Jemez Falls, *Sandoval*
La Joya, WMA, *Socorro*
La Union, *Doña Ana*
Lake Avalon, *Eddy*
Lake Roberts, *Grant*
Las Cruces, *Doña Ana*
Las Vegas, NWR, *San Miguel*
Los Lunas, *Valencia*
Luis Lopez, *Socorro*
Maljamar, *Lea*
Manzanita Mts., *Bernalillo*
Manzano, Mts., *Torrance*
Maxwell, NWR, *Colfax*
Melrose, *Curry*
Mesilla, Dam, Park, Valley, *Doña Ana*
Moriarty, *Torrance*
N.R.T., *Roosevelt*
Ned Houk Park, *Curry*
Oasis SP, *Roosevelt*
Otero Mesa, *Otero*
Peloncillo Mts., *Hidalgo*
Percha SP, *Sierra*
Petroglyph NM, *Bernalillo*
Portales, *Roosevelt*
Post Office Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Quarai, *Torrance*
Queen, *Eddy*
Rattlesnake Springs, *Eddy*
Redrock, *Grant*
Rio Grande Nature Center, *Bernalillo*
Rodeo, *Hidalgo*
Roswell, *Chaves*
Ruby Ranch, *San Miguel*
Sandia Mts., *Bernalillo/Sandoval*
San Antonio, *Socorro*
San Luis Mts., Pass, *Hidalgo*
San Marcial, *Socorro*
San Mateo Mts., *Socorro*
Santa Rosa, *Guadalupe*
Sevilleta NWR, *Socorro*
Silver City, *Grant*
Six-Mile Dam, *Eddy*
Skeleton Canyon, *Hidalgo*
Socorro, *Socorro*

Stubblefield Lake, *Colfax*
 Sumner Lake, Dam, *DeBaca*
 Sunland Park, *Doña Ana*
 Taos, Ski Valley, *Taos*
 Tatum, *Lea*
 Texico, *Curry*
 Tijeras, *Bernalillo*

Truth or Consequences, *Sierra*
 Tucumcari, *Quay*
 Tyrone, *Grant*
 Waldrop Park, *Chaves*
 Willow Lake, *Eddy*
 Zuni, *McKinley*
 Zuni Mts, *McKinley/Cibola*

Abbreviations

AFB	Air Force Base	RGV	Rio Grande Valley
Bosque NWR	Bosque del Apache NWR	SP	State Park
BLNWR	Bitter Lake NWR	USFWS	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
CBC	Christmas Bird Count	WSMR	White Sands Missile Range
CG	Camp Ground	ad(s).	adult(s)
Cr.	Creek	subad(s).	subadult(s)
EBL	Elephant Butte Lake	imm(s).	immature(s)
L.	Lake	juv(s).	juvenile(s)
LVNWR	Las Vegas NWR	m.ob	many observers
Mt(s).	Mountain(s)	v.o.	various observers
NM	National Monument	+	others; et al.
NP	National Park	*	written details provided
N.R.T.	north <i>Roosevelt</i> trap	**	photo or tape provided
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge	***	specimen obtained
R.	River		
RGNC	Rio Grande Nature Center		

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Pacific Loon—Singles were at Farmington L. 11 Nov (TR**), Cochiti L. 5 Nov (BV*), LVNWR 30 Oct-26 Nov (WFW, DAE, BDN, JEP, SMF*), EBL 21 Oct (JRO**), and L. Roberts 1 Nov (ERL*).

Common Loon—Earliest of the season was 1 at Conchas L. 27 Sep (WHH). Another largely in breeding plumage had reached EBL by 17 Oct (WFW).

Yellow-billed Loon—An imm. at Farmington L. 16-29 Nov (TR**) provided the state's 11th record.

Horned Grebe—Earliest were 1 at Farmington L. 5 Nov (TR) and 2 at Bosque NWR 4 Nov (CMR*).

Neotropic Cormorant—One at L. Avalon 29 Oct (SW) provided the only Pecos Valley report.

American Bittern—As in recent years, this species continued scarce, with singles at Tucumcari 29 Nov (WFW) and BLNWR 3 & 10 Nov (GLW) the only reports.

Least Bittern—A vocal individual at Willow L. 8 Oct (SW, RW) provided the lone report.

Great Egret—North was 1 at Santa Rosa 6 Oct (JRO).

Snowy Egret—Peak count at BLNWR was 257 on 19 Aug (GLW).

Reddish Egret—The imm. at BLNWR in Jul was seen again 4 Aug (GLW), 5 Aug (DAE*, BDN*, CMR), and 19 Aug (GLW). Another dark morph imm. appeared at EBL's Monticello Point 19 Aug (JRO**, DAE*, BDN*), where it was last seen 30 Aug (WFW).

Cattle Egret—An estimated 300 were at La Union 31 Aug (MTS, JEZ). Last of the season was 1 at Tyrone 24 Oct (ERL).

White Ibis—An ad. at La Joya WMA 10-20 Aug (JRO**, JEP*, DAE*, BDN*) was the 6th for New Mexico (but the first for the RGV) this year. There are now at least 14 credible state records, involving 24 birds, with the first in 1965.

Greater White-fronted Goose—Earliest were 7 at Bosque NWR 13 Oct (PB). Four were at Maxwell NWR 30 Oct (WFW), where 2 lingered until 23 Nov (DJC**).

Elsewhere, there were 4 at BLNWR 15 Nov (GLW) and 2 at Las Cruces 4 Nov (MTS, JEZ).

Tundra Swan—Seven were at Maxwell NWR 16-24 Nov (MLW, DAE, BDN, DJC**) and 1 was near Tucumcari 29 Nov (WFW).

Wood Duck—One at Santa Rosa 29 Nov (WFW), a male and female at Alto, *Lincoln*, 11 Aug (*fide* A.L. Powell), and 1 at Deming 18 Oct (LKM) were the only reports away from the RGV.

Eurasian Wigeon—A male was at RGNC 15-21 Oct (BV*, WFW, JEP*).

“Mexican” Duck—High counts of 25 at Holloman L. 8 Sep (CMR) and 20 at Clanton Cienega 25 Sep (AMC, NM-C).

Greater Scaup—A male at LVNWR 24 Nov (JEP) furnished the only report.

Surf Scoter—An imm. was at Stubblefield L. 30 Oct (WFW*) and a female/imm. was at Holloman L. 18 Oct (GJE*).

White-winged Scoter—Singles at 3 sites: a female/imm. at LVNWR 12 Nov (MRG*), an imm. male at EBL’s Marina del Sur 11 Nov (DAE*, BDN*), and an ad. male at Deming 20 Nov (LKM*).

Long-tailed Duck—A winter-plumaged female was at Farmington L. 16 Nov (TR**).

Ruddy Duck—A female with 6 ducklings was at Zuni 7 Aug (DJC).

Osprey—Migrants were widespread after late Aug, with reports from about two dozen locales, including 1 at Jal 11 Oct (CMR), a high 4 at L. Roberts 7 Oct (LKM), and a late 1 at Percha SP 29 Nov (GJE).

Swallow-tailed Kite—An ad. that spent most of its time in El Paso crossed into New Mexico airspace at Sunland Park 6 Aug (JNP**).

White-tailed Kite—The species quietly invaded the brushlands of southwestern New Mexico this year, and was noted on a number of occasions this season (RAM, C.J. Perez, SOW), including a pair building a nest 1 Sep which later contained an abandoned egg (RAM**), a high count of 11 individuals at a roost 11 Oct (RAM), and 1 in the Mesilla Valley 20 Oct (MTS*, JEZ*, BRZ**).

Sharp-shinned Hawk—An ad. pair with 2 recently fledged young was at 7300 ft in lower Madera Canyon, Sandia Mts., 15 Aug (HRS).

Northern Goshawk—A record 42 passed the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site 3 Sep-26 Oct (HWD); the 15-year average there was 16; previous high count was 30 in 1994.

Common Black-Hawk—An ad. passed through Guadalupe Canyon 12 Aug (JEP, JRO), where the species does not breed. One in Robinson Draw, Guadalupe Mts., 5 Sep (SW) provided a rare *Eddy* record.

Harris's Hawk—Noteworthy was a family of 6 at WSMR's Main Post, *Doña Ana*, 29 Nov (LV**). North in the RGV was 1 near Truth or Consequences 4 Sep and 2 there 28 Oct (JEP, JRO).

Broad-winged Hawk—Single imms. were at Bosque Redondo 17 Sep (JRO, DAE, BDN) and N.R.T. 4 Oct (WFW). Only 3 passed the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site 16-23 Sep (HWI)

Swainson's Hawk—On their way to South America, some 200 passed over Clovis 5 Sep (GA) and another 300 passed over 11 Sep (GA).

Zone-tailed Hawk—A record 3 passed the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site 21-22 Sep (HWI). Others were seldom reported were singles in lower Potato Canyon, San Mateo Mts., 24 Sep (HRS) and at Rattlesnake Springs 4 Sep (SW, RW).

Rough-legged Hawk—Singles were south to Deming 13 Nov (LKM) and the Animas Valley 25 Nov (AMC, NM-C, DAE, BDN). High count was 10 in the Maxwell area 22-24 Nov (DJC).

Merlin—27 passed the Manzano Mts. lookout 12 Sep-25 Oct (HWI); the 12 Sep date is notably early. Other Sep reports were singles at Tyrone 14 Sep (ERL), Bosque NWR 16 Sep (JEP, JRO), southern Animas Valley 21 Sep (AMC, NM-C), and Heart Bar headquarters near Gila Cliff Dwellings, *Catron*, 29 Sep (M.C. Conway).

Apomado Falcon—A mated adult pair was discovered in southern New Mexico 5 Oct (RAM**), and the birds maintained their territory through the period.

Peregrine Falcon—The 3rd consecutive year of declining numbers at the Manzano Mts. hawkwatch site, with only 49 counted 27 Aug-27 Oct (HWI). Late was 1 at Clanton Cienega 25 Nov (AMC, NM-C).

White-tailed Ptarmigan—Encouraging were 3 on Mt. Walter in the Wheeler Peak area, *Taos*, 16 Sep (L. Ahlm), where reports have increased in recent years.

Northern Bobwhite—A covey of 12 was at Eldorado 22 Sep (SOW) where the species does not occur naturally, suggesting an escaped pair nested successfully.

Montezuma Quail—Continued much in evidence, including ads. with young at Hudson Spring, San Mateo Mts., 6 Aug (JRO**) and in the San Luis Mts. 7 Oct (SOW, PM); 10 were on Martin Cr. 4 mi E of Hurley 18 Nov (C.W. Painter).

Black-bellied Plover—Made a good showing, including an early 1 at Sumner L. 27 Aug (JRO) and high counts of 3 at EBL 28 Oct (JEP, JRO) and 6 at BLNWR 15 Sep (GLW).

American Golden-Plover—One was at EBL's Monticello Point 30 Sep-28 Oct (DAE, CMR*, WFW, JRO**, JEP*).

Snowy Plover—High counts were 260 at BLNWR 4 Aug (GLW), 13 at Holloman L. 19 Aug (MTS, JEZ), and 5 at EBL 4 Sep (JEP, JRO).

Semipalmated Plover—High count was 10 at EBL 9 Sep (CMR). Last were singles at EBL 17 Oct (WFW) and BLNWR 13 Oct (GLW).

Mountain Plover—Turf farm counts of fall migrants peaked with 57 at Moriarty 8 Aug (WFW) and 39 at Los Lunas 6 Sep (K. Granillo).

Solitary Sandpiper—West of the RGV were singles at Zuni 23 Sep (DJC), Deming 25 Aug & 15 Sep (LKM), and the Animas Valley 8 Aug (AMC, NM-C).

Willet—Very late was 1 at EBL 28 Oct (JEP, JRO).

Upland Sandpiper—“Several” were on Otero Mesa in Aug (RAM), where the species apparently is regular in migration. Farther west was 1 at Deming 16 Aug (LKM). High counts in the east were 7 at Fort Sumner 27 Aug (JRO), 30 near Floyd, *Roosevelt*, 6 Sep (WFW), and 7 in *Eddy* 15 Aug (WFW).

Long-billed Curlew—High count was 198 at the Moriarty turf farm 27 Aug (JRO). Very late were 2 in the Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana*, 24 Nov (DAE, BDN).

Marbled Godwit—Noteworthy was 1 in the Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana*, 5 Aug (JRO).

Ruddy Turnstone—Surprising were 2 winter-plumaged individuals at Caballo Dam 19 Aug (LKM*). This, only the 20th report of the species in the state to date, was the first instance of 2 found together.

Red Knot—Made an unusually strong showing: a juv. at EBL 14 Oct (CMR*, DAE*); a juv. at BLNWR 3-6 Sep (JRO**, DAE*, BDN*, WFW); and 2 at Holloman L. 8 Sep (GJE*).

Sanderling—Reported from 9 sites in *McKinley* (DJC), *Cibola* (DJC), *San Miguel* (WFW), *DeBaca* (WFW, JEP), *Socorro* (DAE, BDN), *Sierra* (v.o.), *Chaves* (GLW), *Doña Ana* (SW), and *Otero* (CMR). Earliest was 1 at BLNWR 25 Aug (GLW); last were 12 at EBL 17 Oct (WFW).

Semipalmated Sandpiper—A possible was far west to San Luis Pass 21 Sep (AMC*, NM-C*)

Pectoral Sandpiper—One west to San Luis Pass 25 Sep (NM-C) was a local first. Reported from 8 additional counties, including a late 1 at Zuni 19 Nov (DJC).

Dunlin—A breeding-plumaged individual at EBL’s Monticello Point 5 Aug & 4 Sep (JEP, JRO) may have summered locally; 2 in non-breeding plumage were there 14-22 Oct (v.o.). High count was 5 at BLNWR 24 Nov (GLW).

Stilt Sandpiper—High count for the RGV was 12 at Bosque NWR 16 Sep (JEP+). Even farther west were 10 in the Uvas Valley, *Doña Ana*, 11 Aug (JRO+). Last were 2 at EBL 28 Oct (JRO+).

Short-billed Dowitcher—Reasonably well described were singles at 5 locales: a vocal 1 at Zuni 26 Aug (DJC); a juv. at Bosque NWR 9 Sep (DAE*, BDN*); a silent juv. at EBL

9 Sep (CMR*); a vocal, breeding-plumaged ad. at Deming 7 Aug (LKM*); and a vocal juv. at Holloman L. 8 Sep (CMR*).

Long-billed Dowitcher—A vocal 1 at San Luis Pass 21 Sep (AMC, NM-C) was noteworthy for the Gray Ranch.

Red-necked Phalarope—“Concentrations” included 16 at Zuni 10 Sep (DJC**), 5 each at Ruby Ranch 10 Oct (WFW) and Portales 6 Sep (WFW), and 15 at BLNWR 15 Sep (GLW).

Red Phalarope—A good season, with singles at 3 locales: a juv. molting into winter plumage at Bosque NWR 4 Sep (JEP*, JRO**); an apparent ad. at EBL 14 Oct (DAE*, BDN*, CMR*); a winter-plumaged individual at Ruby Ranch’s L. David 24 Sep (WFW*).

Long-tailed Jaeger—A breeding-plumaged ad. was at Maxwell NWR 15-16 Aug (D. Dinkler*) & 18 Aug (P.E. McConnell*).

Mew Gull—A winter ad. was at Conchas L. 29 Nov (WFW*).

Thayer’s Gull—A winter-plumaged bird was at Percha SP 22 Oct (JRO**).

Western Gull—The individual found at EBL in Jun-Jul continued to be seen in the Monticello Point and Rock Canyon Marina areas 1-19 Aug (JRO**, JEP); presumably the same individual was reported at EBL’s The Narrows 26 Sep (WFW).

Sabine’s Gull—Yet another good showing, with 1-4 juvs. at 8 locales 9 Sep-15 Oct (v.o.), including singles west to Abiquiu L. 15 Oct (SMF*) and Deming 22 Sep (LKM**); high counts were 3 at Sumner L. 16 Sep (DAE, BDN) and 4 at LVNWR 24 Sep (WFW).

Caspian Tern—A remarkable 4 at Bosque NWR 7 Sep (LKM*) composed of 2 in summer plumage and 2 in winter plumage. One at EBL 19 Aug (JRO**, DAE, BDN) provided the only additional report.

Common Tern—Reported, generally without details, from 5 locales 25 Aug-8 Oct (v.o.), including one at Bosque NWR initially reported as an “Arctic” but found from photos to be a Common (WHH*, JRO**). Among the confusion of medium-sized terns at EBL’s Monticello Point were a reported 8 Commons there 26 Sep (WFW) and 6 there 30 Sep (DAE, BDN).

Arctic Tern—Also among the confusion of medium-sized terns at EBL’s Monticello Point were a reported 3 there 26 Sep (WFW*), these described as an ad., a first-summer bird, and a juv., and 2 there 30 Sep (DAE*, BDN*) described as imms.

Forster’s Tern—Three among other terns at EBL’s Monticello Point 26 Sep (WFW). Last was 1 at Bosque NWR 8 Oct (WHH).

Least Tern—Two young were still being fed by ads. at BLNWR 5 Aug (BDN). Last reported there were 2 on 19 Aug (GLW).

Black Tern—Singles were west to Zuni 19 Aug (DJC) and Bear Canyon L. 8 Aug (LKM). High count was only 21 at BLNWR 19 Aug (GLW).

Eurasian Collared-Dove—Continued much in evidence from the RGV eastward, including 2 ads. and an apparent juv. at Luis Lopez 18 & 23 Aug (JRO**). Elsewhere, 1-4 were noted at Albuquerque, Fort Sumner, Bosque Redondo, Melrose, Texico, Portales, Carlsbad, and Hobbs (m.ob.).

Common Ground-Dove—One seen and heard at Rattlesnake Springs 6 Aug (DR*, DAE, BDN, CMR) was still in that area 26 Aug & 3 Sep (JRO*).

Ruddy Ground-Dove—One was reported at Redrock 13 Aug (J. & M. Hirth*) but details provided could not eliminate Common Ground-Dove. An ad. male was in New Mexico west of Rodeo 27 Oct (S. Russell **).

Blue-and-yellow Macaw—A long way from Panama, an escaped cagebird was flying south down I-25 near Algodones, *Sandoval*, 11 Sep (MLW).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—A high 15 at Rattlesnake Springs 3 Aug (SW). Of 15 nests located in the Cliff-Gila Valley 8 Jun-16 Aug (SHS), 4 were located in Aug. Cuckoos where seldom reported included 1 in SE *Curry* 19 Aug (J.R. Loftin) and 7 in the Animas Valley 8 Aug (AMC, NM-C). Late was 1 at Percha SP 22 Oct (JRO). Six birds reported at Deming 15 Sep in *North Am. Birds* 55:86 actually referred to 6 Greater Roadrunners (LKM).

Flammulated Owl—Demonstrating the highly migratory nature of this species were 94 banded in the Manzano Mts. 7 Sep-19 Oct (JPD). None were found after 19 Oct, although the banding operation continued until at least 27 Oct.

Western Screech-Owl—One was east to N.R.T. 4 Oct (WFW).

Spotted Owl—One found injured in a Moriarty yard 23 Nov was eventually rehabilitated and released in suitable mountain habitat (USFWS).

Long-eared Owl—At least 1 at N.R.T. 20 Sep-4 Oct (v.o.), with 2 there 29 Sep (WHH). One was at Pancho Villa SP in Columbus 19 Nov (LKM).

Short-eared Owl—Single migrants were in grasslands at LVNWR 30 Oct (WFW) and Sevilleta NWR 15 Oct (DLH).

Boreal Owl—One found dead at the Hyde SP visitor's center, *Santa Fe*, 3 Nov (L. Trujillo***) provided the state's first specimen.

Northern Saw-whet Owl—19 migrants banded at Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts., 20 Sep-27 Oct (JPD). Other were 1 found dead at Cochiti Dam 8 Nov (WFW***) and 1 in saltcedar at San Marcial 11 Sep (HAW**).

Black Swift—The Jemez Falls colony contained 5 nests each with 1 nestling 24 Aug (HRS); fledging was predicted for early Sep.

***Chaetura* sp.**—Three of uncertain species were at Carlsbad on the late date of 10 Oct (SW).

Broad-billed Hummingbird—Far east, a female was reported at a Carlsbad feeder from late Nov into Dec (E. Pierce *fide* SW).

Blue-throated Hummingbird—One was at a Silver City feeder 3 Aug (ERL).

Magnificent Hummingbird—A female in the Animas Valley 17 Aug (AMC, NM-C).

Lucifer Hummingbird—Last of the season at Post Office Canyon was 1 on 11 Sep (RTS).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird—A well-documented juv. male at a feeder 7 mi E of San Antonio 13-14 Oct (J. Puschock, JRO**, JEP*, DAE*, CMR*) provided only the state's 5th credible record.

Black-chinned Hummingbird—One nearly all white individual was at a feeder on the Animas R. near the Colorado line 28 Aug-3 Sep (TR**).

Anna's Hummingbird—Early was an undetailed 1 at Las Cruces 8 Aug (GJE). An ad. male was at Dripping Springs 1 Oct (SW, RW). Last at Post Office Canyon was 1 on 24 Oct (RTS).

Costa's Hummingbird—A female was in the Animas Valley 21 Sep (AMC*, NM-C*).

Calliope Hummingbird—East was 1 in NE *Union* 1 Aug (LF).

Broad-tailed Hummingbird—East was 1 in NE *Union* 26 Aug (LF).

Rufous Hummingbird—An aggressive male was chasing a Curve-billed Thrasher at Carlsbad 6 Aug (SW). Late was a juv. male at Albuquerque 9 Nov (J. Day-Martin).

Lewis's Woodpecker—Several individuals were found far south of usual, including singles at Rodeo in late Oct (D. Jasper *fide* AMC), Post Office Canyon 16 Nov (RTS), Animas Valley (AMC*, NM-C*), *Luna* 19 Nov (LKM), and Holloman L. 12 Nov (M. Proctor *fide* HR).

Red-headed Woodpecker—West to the RGV was 1 at Luis Lopez 14 Aug (JRO).

Acorn Woodpecker—Considered scarce in the Guadalupe Mts., so noteworthy were singles in Turkey Canyon 24 Sep (SW) and Big Canyon 10 Sep (SW, RW).

Gila Woodpecker—One was east of the Animas Mts. at Joyce Well on Deer Cr. 1 Oct (AMC, NM-C).

Red-bellied Woodpecker—A male at Socorro from 6 Nov into Dec (PB**, DAE*, BDN*) was the first for the RGV.

Williamson's Sapsucker—Conspicuous in lowland areas, including singles at Sumner Dam 30 Sep (JEP, JRO), N.R.T. 30 Sep (JEP, JRO), Ned Houk Park 4 Oct (WFW), and

Waldrop Park 12 Oct (CMR), a high 3 at Socorro 16 Sep (JEP, JRO), and 2 at Glenwood, *Catron*, 7 Oct (B. & D. McKnight).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—A juv. was west to Dripping Springs 1 Oct (SW, RW).

Downy Woodpecker—Far east was 1 at N.R.T. 7-8 Oct (JEP, JRO).

Three-toed Woodpecker—Two in Cano Canyon NW of El Rito 13 Aug (CMR). A male and female at Taos Ski Valley 9 Oct (BRF, DMF).

“Yellow-shafted” Flicker—Singles were in Cedro Canyon, Manzanita Mts., 15 Oct (HRS) and at High Rolls, *Otero*, 23 Sep (GJE).

Greater Pewee—A vocal 1 was east to the Black Range at Wright’s Cabin, *Grant*, 10 Sep (DAE).

Acadian Flycatcher—A probable was seen and heard well at N.R.T. 29 Sep (WHH*).

Least Flycatcher—Singles on their western periphery were 1 banded at San Marcial 29 Sep (HAW) and others at Sumner L. 3 Sep (DAE), Fort Sumner 30 Sep (JEP, JRO), and Bosque Redondo 16 Sep (CMR).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher—Based on wing, tail, and bill measurements, 2 banded at RGNC 17 Sep (NSC, SWC, LPG) and 2 banded there 23 Sep (NSC, SWC) were believed to be this species.

Eastern Phoebe—Earliest to return to the RGV was 1 at Luis Lopez 16 Oct (JRO).

Great Crested Flycatcher—Singles were at Bosque Redondo 17 & 20 Sep (DAE, BDN, WFW) and Boone’s Draw 6 Sep (WFW).

Great Kiskadee—The single first reported at Rattlesnake Springs in Jul was still present through Nov (DR*, R. J. Prickett*, JRO**, J. Jackson**, v.o.); among the favored food items were minnows and crawfish.

Thick-billed kingbird—Four still in Guadalupe Canyon 12 Aug (JEP, JRO).

Eastern Kingbird—Noteworthy were singles at Bosque NWR 13 Oct (PB) and Carrizozo 17 Sep (JRO**). One at Maxwell 13 Aug (DJC) was feeding a juv. Brown-headed Cowbird.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Impressive were 50 at Willow L. 8 Oct (SW, RW). West were singles at Fort Sumner 30 Sep (JEP, JRO) and San Antonio 14 Oct (JRO). Last was 1 at Six-Mile Dam 25 Oct (SW).

White-eyed Vireo—One was far west to Skeleton Canyon 13 Aug (JEP*, JRO*, AMC*, NM-C*). A dark-eyed individual was singing at N.R.T. 16-17 Sep (CMR*, DAE*, BDN*, JRO**).

Bell’s Vireo—An ad. captured at San Marcial 12 Sep (HAW) had been banded there in 1999; last was 1 there 1 Oct (HAW).

Blue-headed Vireo—Singles believed to be this species were described at the Moriarty turf farm 8 Oct (DAE*), N.R.T. 16-17 Sep (CMR*, DAE*, BDN*, JRO*) & 7 Oct (JEP*, JRO*), 12 mi N of Clovis 4 Oct (WFW*), and at Maljamar 2 Sep (JRO**). Due to possible confusion with bright Cassin's Vireos, physical documentation (photos, etc.) is always desirable for this eastern species.

Hutton's Vireo—Noteworthy were singles at Elephant Butte Dam 25 Nov (JRO) and Guadalupe Canyon 12 Aug (JEP+).

Philadelphia Vireo—One at Percha SP 14 Oct (CMR, DAE) was adequately described. Details of singles believed to be this species at Deming 30 Aug (LKM) and Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts., 27 Oct (JPD) did not rule out fall-plumaged Warbling Vireos.

Red-eyed Vireo—Last of the season were singles at Deming 11 Oct (LKM), N.R.T. 14 Oct (JRO), and Albuquerque 16 Oct (banded NSC, SWC).

Steller's Jay—Conspicuous movement into submontane areas, particularly in the RGV with 2 in Albuquerque's South Valley 30 Sep (CMR), 2 at Socorro 11-25 Nov (v.o.), 1 at Luis Lopez 15 Oct (DAE, BDN), 6 at Percha SP 29 Nov (GJE), and 1 at Las Cruces 13 Nov (GJE). The species "arrived" in the Deming area 27 Sep (LKM) where at least 1 was found 26 Nov (DAE, BDN). In the Pecos Valley, 2 were at Santa Rosa 29 Nov (WFW).

Blue Jay—High count was 21 at Bosque Redondo 16 Sep (CMR). West was 1 at San Geronimo, *San Miguel*, 24 Oct (J. Stacey).

Western Scrub-Jay—Another corvid that moved into unusual areas, including in lowlands of *Luna* after 26 Aug (LKM) and lowlands of *Eddy* after 15 Sep (SW). East were up to 3 at N.R.T. 2-30 Sep (v.o.), 2 at Oasis SP 20 Oct (JEP), and 8 at Ned Houk Park 7-8 Oct (JRO); others were south to Las Cruces and Carlsbad (v.o.).

Pinyon Jay—Flocks were conspicuous far east and south of usual; highlights included 5 in Post Office Canyon, Peloncillo Mts., 27 Sep & 20 Oct (RTS), 8 in the Florida Mts. 4 Sep (LKM), 130 at Deming 14 Sep (LKM), singles at Moriarty 26 Aug (JEP) and N.R.T. 4 Oct (WFW) & 14 Oct (JEP, JRO**), 5 at BLNWR 12 Oct (GLW), and 42 at Rattlesnake Springs 4 Sep (SW, RW), the latter last seen heading southeast across the desert.

Chihuahuan Raven—What was described as a "river of ravens" consisted of over 3400 passing over Hobbs 11 Oct (CMR).

Purple Martin—A male was in Mt. Taylor's El Rito Canyon, *Cibola*, 6 Aug (BV).

Tree Swallow—Late was 1 at Zuni 18-19 Nov (DJC).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow—Late was 1 at Bosque NWR 16 Nov (GJE).

Cave Swallow—Peaked at about 1500 at Carlsbad Caverns NP 7 Sep (SW); 3 there 11 Nov (SW) were the latest yet recorded.

Barn Swallow—“Hundreds” found suffering from effects of cold at Bosque NWR 8 Oct (WHH). “Hundreds or even thousands” died in southeastern New Mexico following four days of cold in early Oct (GLW), including 12 dead at BLNWR 10 Oct (GLW). Following the cold snap, 12 were found dead in fields at Luis Lopez 12 Oct (JRO). Dieoffs due to cold in early Oct reported elsewhere in Arizona, southern New Mexico, and Texas (*fide* WHH).

Black-capped Chickadee—Unusual for the Sandia Mts. were 2 in the Domingo Baca Canyon area, *Bernalillo*, 15 Oct (NV, NDP).

Mountain Chickadee—Conspicuous in eastern and southern lowlands and in river valleys. East were 2 in NE *Union* 2 Oct-30 Nov (LF), 1 at N.R.T. 7-8 Oct (JRO), 2 at Fort Sumner 30 Sep (JRO), 1 at Ramon, *Lincoln*, 12 Oct (CMR). South were 2 at San Marcial 11 Oct (HAW), 10 at Mesilla Park 4 Nov (MTS, JEZ), and 1 near Deming 16 Oct (LKM).

Mexican Chickadee—12 birds, believed to represent two family groups, were along Black Bill Trail and on Cistern Saddle, Animas Mts., 20 Aug (NM-C).

Juniper Titmouse—Conspicuous lowland invasion, including 7 at Sumner Dam 9 Sep (JEP), 1 at N.R.T. 20 & 23 Sep (WFW, JEP), 1 near Clovis 4 Oct (WFW) plus others there 29 Nov (WFW), and 1 or more at Deming 11 Oct (LKM) & 26 Nov (DAE, BDN).

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Swarmed the eastern and southern lowlands and the river valleys, with reports from *Union*, *DeBaca*, *Roosevelt*, *Curry*, *Chaves*, *Eddy*, and *Lea* plus Ramon, *Lincoln*, in the east and *Luna* and *Doña Ana* in the south.

White-breasted Nuthatch—Staged an impressive invasion of the eastern plains and southern lowlands, including 4 east to Ned Houk Park 7 Oct (JRO).

Pygmy Nuthatch—Singles wandered down to Cochiti Dam 12 Sep (WFW), Albuquerque’s South Valley 23 Sep (DAE, BDN), and Luis Lopez 15-18 Aug (JRO**).

Brown Creeper—High counts included 6 at Corrales 1 Oct (WHH), 7 in Albuquerque’s South Valley 30 Sep (CMR), 7 banded at San Marcial 26 Sep-13 Oct (HAW), and 8 at Percha SP 14 Oct (CMR).

Cactus Wren—Rare in *Roosevelt*, 1 was at N.R.T. 27 Aug (JRO).

Carolina Wren—Maintaining their recently-established presence in the middle RGV were singles at Socorro 16 Oct (PB*) and Luis Lopez 27 Oct-30 Nov (JRO**, CMR*). At Rattlesnake Springs, where present and singing throughout the season (SW+), a juv. was sighted 6 Aug (CMR*, DAE*, BDN*) and 2 juvs. were pursuing an ad. 15 Aug (WFW*).

Winter Wren—Singles passed through NE *Union* 27 Oct (LF), *Glorieta* 25 Oct (HRS*), Albuquerque 29 Sep (CMR), Bosque NWR 4 Nov (CMR), and Percha SP 22 Oct (JRO).

Marsh Wren—Late for 6600 ft was 1 at Quarai 19 Nov (HRS).

American Dipper—Astonishing for the eastern prairies was 1 at a metal stock tank at N.R.T. 14 Oct (JEP, JRO**).

Golden-crowned Kinglet—Widespread in lowland areas, including small numbers east to *Union* (LF), *Curry* (WFW), *Roosevelt* (v.o.), and *DeBaca* (v.o.). In the RGV, 7 were banded at San Marcial 25 Sep-11 Oct (HAW).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher—Late for Zuni was 1 there 29 Oct (DJC). Notably late was 1 at Ladera Wash, Petroglyph NM, 28 Nov (HRS).

Eastern Bluebird—High for the RGV was up to 20 at Luis Lopez 4-26 Nov (JRO). High in the Pecos Valley was 30 at Rattlesnake Springs 5 Nov (SW, RW).

Townsend's Solitaire—Another species that was unusually prevalent in submontane areas, including east to near the Texas line in *Quay*, *Curry*, *Roosevelt*, and *Lea* (v.o.).

Wood Thrush—One at N.R.T. 29 Sep (WHH**). One at Ned Houk Park 7 Oct (JRO**) was the first for *Curry*.

Varied Thrush—A male in the Ortiz Mts. foothills near Cerrillos 7 Oct (S.L. McDonald*) was the 3rd for New Mexico in 2000.

Northern Mockingbird—Late to be in the family way was a nest with 2 large nestlings at Carlsbad 17 Aug (SW).

Brown Thrasher—Singles were at 8 sites from the RGV eastward, including 1 at Fourth of July CG, Manzano Mts., 14 Oct (J. Joseph).

Bendire's Thrasher—Singles were in the RGV at Socorro 10 Nov into Dec (PB) and at Luis Lopez 4 Aug (JRO*).

American Pipit—20 were on the rarely-visited summit of Mt. Withington, San Mateo Mts., 16 Sep (HRS).

Sprague's Pipit—Migrants passed through Sevilleta NWR grasslands, where there were 1 on 22 Sep, 35 during Oct, and 2 in Nov (DLH) and singles were noted in Bosque NWR grasslands 25 Oct & 28 Nov (DLH).

Phainopepla—Again nested at Quarai, where 5 dependant fledglings, likely representing 2 families, were following ads. 4 Aug (HRS).

Olive Warbler—Two in lower Potato Canyon, San Mateo Mts., 24 Sep (HRS).

Golden-winged Warbler—An ad. male was at Fort Sumner 20 Sep (WFW*).

Nashville Warbler—Early were singles in Clanton Canyon 12 Aug (JEP, JRO) and Skeleton Canyon 13 Aug (JEP, JRO, AMC, NM-C). Three were banded at San Marcial 11 Sep (HAW).

Lucy's Warbler—Three at Mesilla 9 Sep (CMR); the species is unusual in *Doña Ana*.

Northern Parula—A female was at N.R.T. 7 Oct (JEP, JRO).

Black-throated Blue Warbler—Singles at 4 sites: a male at the Moriarty turf farm 6-13 Oct (JRO**, JEP, DAE, BDN, WFW, K.C.Schneider); an early male at Bosque Redondo 16 Sep (CMR); a male at Waldrop Park 12 Oct (CMR); a female at Six-Mile Dam 23 Sep (SW).

Black-throated Gray Warbler—Rare on the eastern prairies, 1 was at N.R.T. 9 Sep (JEP, JRO); another was at Rattlesnake Springs 6 Aug (DAE, CMR).

Black-throated Green Warbler—A female/first-year male at Fort Sumner 17 Sep (DAE, BDN); 2 males at N.R.T. 4 Oct (WFW); a young female at Ned Houk Park 4 Oct (WFW).

Hermit Warbler—Ten in the Animas Mts. 20 Aug (NM-C). East were 2 apparent juvs. near Mt. Withington, San Mateo Mts., 6 Aug (JRO*). An apparent hybrid Hermit x Townsend's was in the Sandia Mts. 22 Sep (MRG*).

Blackpoll Warbler—A juv. male was banded at San Marcial 15 Sep (HAW**).

Black-and-white Warbler—Singles at Zuni's Ojo Caliente, *Cibola*, 16 Sep (DJC*), San Marcial 21 Sep (HAW), Moriarty 8 & 16 Sep (JEP, DAE, BDN), and Tatum 9 Sep (JRO).

American Redstart—Singles at 8 sites from the RGV eastward 14 Aug-14 Oct: Socorro, San Marcial, Mesilla, Moriarty, Sumner L., N.R.T., and Boone's Draw (v.o.).

Prothonotary Warbler—Singles at 4 sites: Pine River Visitor Center, Navajo L., *San Juan*, 2 Sep (TR*); Socorro 9-15 Sep (DAE, BDN, JWS, JRO**); Holloman L. 9 Sep (HR*, CMR*); Rattlesnake Springs area 3 Sep (JRO*).

Ovenbird—Singles at 3 sites: Socorro 12-16 Sep (JWS, JRO**, JEP); Bosque Redondo 17 Sep (JRO, DAE, BDN); N.R.T. 16 Sep-1 Oct (BDN, NV, DAE).

Louisiana Waterthrush—One at Washington Ranch near Rattlesnake Springs 26 Aug (JRO**) provided only the 11th overall for New Mexico but the 3rd from the Rattlesnake Springs area.

Kentucky Warbler—An ad. male was at N.R.T. 17 Sep (NV*, NDP*).

***Oporornis* sp.**—One reported as a possible female Mourning Warbler at Carlsbad 27 Sep (SW*) could not be positively identified to species.

MacGillivray's Warbler—Late was 1 at Carlsbad 29 Oct (SW, RW).

Common Yellowthroat—Late was a female at Clanton Cienega 25 Nov (DAE, BDN).

Hooded Warbler—Reported from 3 sites: a male in Otero Canyon S of Tijeras 20 Aug (NV, sketch); a female at Moriarty 1-7 Oct (JRO**, DAE, BDN, JEP); a male at San Marcial 14 Aug (HAW) and presumably the same male banded there 6 Sep (HAW).

Canada Warbler—Well described, an apparent female at Mesilla's Old Refuge 30 Sep (SW*) provided a *Doña Ana* first and only the 8th overall for the state.

Summer Tanager—Late were singles at N.R.T. 30 Sep (JRO**) & 7 Oct (JEP), RGNC 17 Oct (WFW), Socorro 4 Nov (CMR*), and Caballo Dam 12 Nov (DAE, BDN).

Canyon Towhee—Scarce in the east, so noteworthy were singles at N.R.T. 1-8 Oct (JRO, JEP) and Clovis in Sep (GA).

Abert's Towhee—Eleven active nests were found in the Cliff-Gila Valley during the period 2 Jun-15 Aug (SHS).

Clay-colored Sparrow—One was west to lower Deer Cr., Animas Mts., 1 Oct (NM-C).

Field Sparrow—Singles at N.R.T. 30 Sep (JRO) and Ned Houk Park 4 Oct (WFW).

Grasshopper Sparrow—A family group was in the southern Animas Valley 1 Sep (AMC, NM-C, SOW, PM); 19 individuals were counted there 8 Oct (SOW, PM).

Baird's Sparrow—One was in Otero Mesa grasslands 13 Aug (RAM); another was in the Animas Valley 25 Nov (AMC, NM-C, DAE).

Fox Sparrow—Single reddish birds were at Luis Lopez 13 Nov (JRO) and BLNWR 7-11 Nov (GLW).

Swamp Sparrow—One was west to Zuni 18-25 Nov (DJC**).

"White-winged" Junco—Singles at Farmington 1 Nov (TR**), Eldorado 7-8 Nov (SOW), and RGNC 5 Nov (LPG*).

Yellow-eyed Junco—One strayed to Post Office Canyon 25 Nov (RTS) for only the 3rd record there in almost 3 decades. Scarce in the Animas Mts., with only 2 seen 20 Aug (NM-C) and 2 Nov (AMC, NM-C).

Lapland Longspur—Singles south and west to LVNWR 24 Nov (JEP) and the Moriarty turf farm 26 Nov (BV*).

Pyrrhuloxia—Single post-breeding individuals north in the RGV to *Valencia* at Belen 30 Sep (C.J. Brandt) and Turn 26 Oct (CMR).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak—Single males were at Zuni 16-19 Oct (DJC**) and S of Tijeras 8 Aug (M. Martin).

Painted Bunting—Made an exceptionally strong showing, with 1-7 at 11 sites in 8 counties, including singles north to RGNC 16 Sep (banded, LPG), Luis Lopez 16 Sep (JEP, JRO), and Mesa, *Chaves*, 26 Aug (JEP), and 2 at Carrizozo 10 Sep (JRO*).

Dickcissel—A good showing, with 1-5 at 10 locales from the RGV eastward; west was 1 at Tyrone 14 Sep (ERL).

Bobolink—Three were at Tatum 9 Sep (JRO**).

Bronzed Cowbird—High was 4 at Deming 6 Sep (LKM).

Orchard Oriole—One near Queen 4 Aug (SW) provided a local first.

Baltimore Oriole—An apparent female was at Fort Sumner 30 Sep (JEP*, JRO*).

Rosy-Finch—A 3-species flock of 6 **Gray-crowneds**, 6 **Blacks**, and 48 **Brown-capped**s was at Abiquiu Dam 18 Nov (SMF*); another 3-species flock of 60 birds was at Taos Ski Valley 1 Nov (WFW). Three **Gray-crowneds** visited an Eldorado feeder 12 Nov (A. & A. Lamb).

Cassin's Finch—Inundated the foothills and lowlands, with numerous reports nearly statewide beginning in Oct (m.ob.); as usual, a few were accused of being “Purple Finches” or “Redpolls.”

Red Crossbill—Invaded submontane areas by mid-Oct; notable were 9 at Conchas L. 29 Nov (WFW), singles at BLNWR 7 & 20 Nov (GLW), 9 at Bosque NWR 26 Nov (DAE), 6 at Mesilla 4 Nov (MTS, JEZ), and 13 at Deming 20 Nov (LKM).

Pine Siskin—Spread into the middle RGV, southern deserts, and eastern plains by mid-Sep (m.ob).

Lesser Goldfinch—Notably late was a nest with nestlings at Clanton Cienega 2 Oct (AMC, NM-C).

Evening Grosbeak—Joined other finches moving into lowland areas, with moderate-sized flocks in the north Aug-Sep, and in the west, the RGV, and the eastern plains Oct-Nov (m.ob); far afield were singles in NE *Union* 11 Oct (LF), near Clovis 7 Oct (JRO), and E of Carlsbad 5 Oct (*fide* SW).

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